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THE CAPTIVE NATIONS

We have been hearing a great deal recently about "captive countries." Congress quietly passed a resolution a while back, designating a week in July as Captive Nations Week. It directed the President to issue a proclamation to this effect, which he did. Nobody paid much attention to it. Then Khrushchev let out a blast against the proclamation - in the midst of the Vice-President's visit to Moscow. Khrushchev was mad because the resolution referred to those countries which

are under the heel of Russia.

With all the conferences, meetings, exchanges and powwows going on between Russian and American officials, we ought to keep straight in our minds how these captive nations got to be captive in the first place. It is interesting to note that the congressional resolution on the captive nations specifically named quite a few. Among them were East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and the mainland of China. But when the President issued his

proclamation, he omitted the names of any countries. Did the President, or certain State Department officials, perhaps recall how these countries came to wind up in Red hands?

In the case of Czechoslovakia, General Patton and his armies were about to capture its capital from the Nazis. General Eisenhower, then Supreme Commander in Europe - no doubt under orders from Washington - told Patton to pull back and let the Russians take Czechoslovakia. That's how it became a captive of the Reds. At the Teheran conference, President Roosevelt gave Stalin part of Poland. He completed the bargain at the Yalta conference by giving Stalin the rest of Poland.

YOUR DOLLARS AND VIET NAM

I made some remarks last week about the inflationary effect of government spending. Among other things, I mentioned the foreign-aid handouts. One of my correspondents agrees that it is outrageous for us to be indulging in giveaways to communist and socialist countries like Yugoslavia, Poland and India, which keep buttering up the Kremlin leaders while pocket-

The beginnings of the downfall of China were laid by Roosevelt at Yalta, and completed by a State Department heavily infiltrated with leftists. Also at the Yalta pow-wow, Germany was carved up and East Germany handed to the Reds. Then toward the end of the war, the allied armies stopped in their tracks - and let Russia take Berlin. Then the city itself was carved up - which is what is now causing the current crisis.

In the light of this record, would it not be well for our leaders to handle the Kremlin bosses with the longest pole they can find - instead of with conferences and meetings which somehow always wind up with more concessions?

ing American dollars. But he wants to know if handouts to other nations in Europe and Asia are not justified.

I read this letter at the same time I was reading a series of dispatches to the Scripps-Howard Newspapers from Albert Colegrove. He has been over in Southeast Asia, taking a close look at our foreign-aid program in Viet Nam. This country is half the

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size of the State of New Mexico. American taxpayers have poured *two billion dollars* into Viet Nam. The story of waste and bureaucratic bungling which Mr. Colegrove found is fantastic. We've flooded the country with tractors, trucks, jeeps, factories. The people don't know what to do with them. There are 13 million people in this little country. Only 300 of them are trained technicians. As Mr. Colegrove says, it's like giving your young son, who has never been behind the wheel of a car, a new Cadillac, a hundred-dollar bill, and an instruction book — and telling him to run along and have a good time.

Mr. Colegrove came across

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American staff members in Viet Nam who are troubled and frustrated by what they see happening to American dollars. But the general feeling among the foreign-giveaway bureaucrats is: Keep quiet and don't rock the boat. And why not? Your tax dollars are paying some of these bureaucrats \$400 to \$800 a year extra, on top of their regular pay. This is supposed to offset the high cost of living in this Southeast Asia country — where the bureaucrats buy cigarettes for ten cents a pack and groceries for a dollar a day!

On the heels of Mr. Colegrove's series of articles, came a report from a House Appropriations Subcommittee. In one country on the receiving end of American handouts, there is a supply of clothing for our Women's Army Corps sufficient to last for 20 years. There is also a 45-year supply of ammunition lying unused. There were a million pieces of munitions-parts lying in the open in another area. Most are so rusted they are now useless.

This story of the fate of your tax dollars in the foreign giveaways is almost endless. You may recall that after the war, our military

government was very busy breaking up so-called cartels in Germany. Now our foreign-aid funds are building them up again. I know this sounds crazy, but here's the story.

Until recently, two companies in West Germany were competing in the manufacture of storage batteries for export to Iran. They were doing all right, and of course the competition kept the price down. Then a long comes big-

hearted Uncle Sam with a bunch of American dollars for Iran - so she can build her own storage-battery factory. Iran then makes an agreement with the two German companies to run the new factory. The result? We put up the funds to build the Iranian factory. The profits go to German companies. And in the process we promote a cartel between two former German competitors.

THE COST OF FOOD

It is these foreign handouts - plus handouts to all sorts of pressure groups here at home - plus minding everybody's business in the world except our own - which has given us an incomprehensible public debt, an annual tax bill of 70 billion dollars, and the greatest peacetime government deficit in our history. And it is all this that is causing the inflation which has all of us troubled.

Think back for a moment to that foreign-aid bureaucrat in Viet Nam who pays ten cents for a package of American cigarettes - and buys plenty of food for one dollar a day. While he lives high on the hog - on your tax money - you pay 25 to 30 cents for a pack

of cigarettes. And can you imagine feeding yourself adequately on a dollar a day, in these days of spiraling inflation? Twenty years ago you paid a little less than eight cents for a pound-loaf of bread. Today you pay 18 cents. Two decades ago - before we started remaking, reforming and supporting the world - you could buy a pound of butter for 30 or 35 cents. Today you pay 70 cents. You pay 65 cents a pound for chuck roast that once could be bought for 23 cents. A pound of bacon once cost 31 cents. Now it's 79 cents. To put this all together, the amount of food you bought 20 years ago for four dollars now costs you ten dollars. In oth-

er words, your food dollar is now worth only 40 cents. And it will continue to get to be worth less and less - so long as the federal government keeps on taxing, borrowing and spending for all sorts of activities in which it has no business - and which it carries on in complete defiance of its constitutional mandate. There is not one line in the

Constitution of the United States which gives the federal government the right to spend your money all over the world - or to make handouts to domestic pressure groups. If we would return to the Constitution, we would not only protect our freedom, but go a long way toward protecting the value of our dollar.

-John T. Flynn

Foregoing items covered in Mutual network broadcast 8/2/59

A PARTIALLY CANDID LOOK AT LABOR

LABOR U.S.A. by Lester Velie, 318 pages, Harper, N.Y. \$4.95.

Splashed across the jacket of this extremely interesting book by a *Reader's Digest* roving editor is the legend: "A candid look at American labor today; its leaders - good and bad - their drives, feuds, hopes and fears." The "candid look" is not always as candid as it might be, and the phrase "good and bad" about the labor leaders can be applied to the book too.

The author writes with a light and breezy touch, so that what he has to say is always easy to read. The major faults in the book stem from one of two factors - or per-

haps a combination of both. Mr. Velie may himself lack a clear understanding of the basic struggle in which the free economic system is today locked with the forces of collectivism. Or he shares the blind spot of our largest mass circulation magazine about certain labor leaders.

Thus his story of, and remarks about, Walter Reuther are oddly favorable. Somehow you get the impression that Mr. Velie believes that because a labor leader is personally honest and his union relatively free of racketeering, he is all right - even though the end result of his aims and his drive for

power could be the destruction of the American economic system. And how very strange that an author so careful to list his sources, omits entirely any mention of E. L. Dayton's WALTER REUTHER. Was Mr. Velie afraid of the effect this carefully documented book might have on his own mind? In the same category, the Kohler episode is mentioned only once - in a single line!

The same criticism can be applied to three other major sections of the book. Mr. Velie tells with relish of how A. Philip Randolph, of the Sleeping Car Porters' union, won a great victory for his race from FDR. No matter how desirable and justified the objective, the fact remains that the President was forced into action by the threatened march of a mob of 100,000 Negroes on the nation's capital.

The chapter entitled "Labor U.S.A. vs. the Kremlin" is, to say the least, superficial - and lavish in its praise of ex-Stalinist Jay Lovestone. A really objective author would include the other side of this story, as given by the original exposé of labor's sordid record, Westbrook Pegler. And when Mr. Velie comes to the proposals for putting labor's house in order, once

again the appear those strange errors of omission. The slap-on-the-wrist proposals put forth by so-called "liberals" are fully analyzed. But there is no mention of another friend of labor, Donald Richberg, and his much more concrete and effective proposals for curbing the labor-union monopoly.

On the credit side are lively pen portraits of a number of other labor leaders, old and new. The one on David Dubinsky also gives a striking picture of how the underworld has come to control much of the garment industry - while its labor genius was building his "union welfare state." Much the best and most valuable part of the book deals with the racketeering and corruption in the unions. Here Mr. Velie had the benefit not only of his own research, but of the McClellan Committee's revelations.

For a story to make your hair stand on end, read of the seven-year fight carried on by a rank-and-filer in a union called the worst "in all the annals of perverted unionism." He wound up with a bullet in him. The police said: Suicide. Mr. Velie says: Murder - "murder by public apathy."

- Rosalie Gordon

RECOMMENDED READING - JULY BEST SELLERS

A GUIDE TO ANTI-COMMUNIST ACTION by Anthony T. Bouscaren (\$4.00).

The overwhelming majority of Americans are against communism, but the question, "What can I, as an individual, do about it?" always pops up. This manual for prompt action gives the answers.

CHILD OF COMMUNISM by Ede Pfeiffer (\$3.50).

Youth under communism in Hungary. The author set down what he saw and what he lived through. Terrifying, not for the very young or very squeamish.

DECISION FOR CHINA by Paul K. T. Sih (\$4.50).

Written by a Chinese convert to Catholicism this book spotlights the greatest issue of the day "Communism versus Christianity." The author offers a program for assisting the Chinese to throw off the Red tyranny.

FORGE OF LIBERTY by Leonard Faulkner (\$4.50).

Attend the dramatic opening of the American Revolution! Walk beside the men of Lexington, cross the British lines and wander about the Boston of 1775! Suspenseful entertainment for young and old.

LOOK SOUTHWARD UNCLE by Edward Tomlinson (\$6.00).

A soundly balanced picture of our neighbors to the South. Will answer questions concerning communist infiltration, Latin-American culture, industry, people.

NASSER OF EGYPT by Wilton Wynn (\$3.95).

The struggle of the Arab people toward national identity and dignity as epitomized in the person of Egypt's strong man. Fair, unbiased and exciting. Both sides of Nasser are given.

THE NAKED COMMUNIST by W. Cleon Skousen (\$6.00).

Excellent primer on communism. Covers history of communism, rise of Communist Russia, inroads of communism in USA, etc. Names, dates and places. Highly recommended for young people.

THE UNCOMMON MAN by Crawford H. Greenewalt (\$4.00).

Affirmation of the belief of freedom and dignity of the individual by one of America's outstanding business leaders. If you are tired of "organization men" you will welcome this book as a lively and timely antidote.

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- John C. Wetzel

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